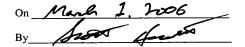
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In Re Application of: North-Morris et al.

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed 12/13/2005 please amend the above-reference application as follows. Independent claim 1 is canceled. Claim 2 and claim 4 are both amended to independent form, bringing the number of independent claims to four. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for one additional independent claim, and to charge any other necessary fee or refund any overpayment, to USPTO Deposit Account Number 50-1078.

Replacement Sheet 1/3 of formal drawings with an amended Fig. 1B is attached.